Curbing of communalism in the the country

1631. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what specific measures are being taken by Government in curbing the recent unprecedented rise in communal, regional and extremist tendencies in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The necessity of maintaining communal harmony has been time and again stressed on the State Govelements, search and seizure for unauthotions. Suggestions have been made to them to streamline the administrative and intelligence machinery and to take prompt preventive action like arrest of anti-social elements, search and seiuzre for unauthorised arms and action against elements inciting communalism etc. Central forces have also been made available to the States as and when requests for the same are made. Apart from this, timely alerts are sounded and guidance and advice provided as and when require. Administrative arrangements have also been tightened to combat extremist activities. The Standing Committee of the National Integration Council as well as the National Integration Council deliberated on various issues in the meetings held on 28th August and 12th September, 1986 respectively. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been recently asked to strengthen the administrative arrangements and capability at different levels not only to deal with communal situations but also to anticipate them. In this connection, Home Minister has also addressed all the Chief Ministers of States/Union Territories in October, 1986.

Regularisation of RTP telephone operators

1632. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to regularise Reserve Trained Pool (RTP) telephone operators; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Reserved Trained Pool telephone operators are recruited against future vacancies and will be regularised against these vacancies as and when they arise.

Punjab situation

1633. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people, terrorist, policemen killed and number of terrorists arrested during the last one year in Punjab; and

(b) the details of arms seized from the terrorists during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to information furnished by the Government of Punjab, 418 persons including 69 terrorists and 35 policemen were killed and 1322 terrorists were arrested during the period 1st November, 1985 to 31st October, 1986.

(b) 1204 pistols, 211 revolvers, 52 rifles, 150 guns, 28 Stenguns/Brenguns/LMG and 61 handgrenades were recovered during the above period in the State.

Activities of antinational elements in Jammu and Kashmir

1634. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received reports regarding the activities of the anti-national and pro-Pakistani elements in Jammu and Kashmir State; and